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SENATE BILL

No. 1220

Introduced by Senator Migden

January 31, 2006

An act to add Section 120156 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to vaccines.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1220, as amended, Migden. Vaccines: influenza.

Existing law requires the State Department of Health Services to provide appropriate flu vaccine to local governmental or private, nonprofit agencies at no charge in order that the agencies may provide the vaccine, at a minimal cost, at accessible locations in the order of priority first for all persons 60 years of age or older in this state and then to any other high-risk groups identified by the United States Public Health Service. The department and the California Department of Aging are required to prepare, publish, and disseminate information regarding the availability of the vaccine and the effectiveness of the vaccine in protecting the health of older persons.

This bill would require the department to establish a bulk purchasing program for influenza vaccine that will be available to smaller physician practices and would authorize the department to implement this program through an expansion of the program in the above described provisions. The bill would require that the program be designed so that the proceeds from the sale of the vaccine, which would be available upon appropriation by the Legislature, would cover the total costs of the program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature for the State*
2 *Department of Health Services to purchase influenza vaccine for*
3 *purposes of this act at the prevailing price, current market price,*
4 *or the average wholesale price at the time of purchase.*

5 ~~SECTION 1.~~

6 *SEC. 2.* Section 120156 is added to the Health and Safety
7 Code, to read:

8 120156. (a) The department shall establish a bulk purchasing
9 program for influenza vaccine on behalf of smaller physician
10 practices, as determined by the department, to facilitate the
11 timely distribution of the vaccine to the public. The department
12 shall establish a process for the smaller physician practices to
13 order the influenza vaccine from the department. The department
14 may implement this program through an expansion of the
15 program established pursuant to Section 104900.

16 (b) The program shall be designed so that the sale of the
17 vaccine provides proceeds sufficient to cover the total costs of
18 the program to the department, including, but not limited to, costs
19 of administration. The proceeds shall be available, upon
20 appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes of the program.